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ATTENTION: BOX AFTEN FINAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1/16 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 1653

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: H. Schnizer

In re Application of:

HABERMANN et al.

Application No.: 09/664,326

Filed: September 18, 2000

For: SIGNAL SEQUENCES FOR

PREPARING LEU-HIRUDIN BY SECRETION BY E. COLI INTO THE

CULTURE MEDIUM

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office

Action of January 7, 2003. A fee of \$930.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any

additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 4, 2003

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